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SUBJECT: CSCE: NATO CAUCUS ON COMMITTEE II

1. JUST BEFORE EASTER RECESS, IT WAS INFORMALLY AGREED THAT NATO CAUCUS SHOULD BE HELD IN GENEVA MORNING OF WEDNESDAY MAY FIRST TO DISCUSS SCHEDULING AND TACTICS IN COMMITTEE II SUBCOMMITTEES. US DEL SHOULD REMIND FRG DEL OF THIS AGREEMENT SINCE FRG IS IN CHAIR FOR THE EC-NINE AND MAY ALSO BE CHAIRMAN OF NATO CAUCUS DURING MAY. WE RECOGNIZE FRG PRINCIPALS IN COMMITTEE II MAY NOT BE PRESENT IN GENEVA THIS WEEK BUT FRG DEL COULD CONVEY OUR REMINDER TO BONN.

2. FOLLOWING ARE SUBJECTS IN SUBCOMMITTEES ON COMMERCIAL EXCHANGES AND INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION THAT WE BELIEVE COULD USEFULLY BE DISCUSSED IN NATO CAUCUS. US DEL MAY WISH TO
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PASS THIS LIST ON TO FRG, POSSIBLY ADDING SUBJECTS IN SUB-

COMMITTEES ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ENVIRONMENT AND COOPERATION IN OTHER AREAS, WHICH DEL IN BETTER POSITION TO DRAW UP.

3. COMMERCIAL EXCHANGES:

A. RESOLUTION ON TRADE OBSTACLES (CSCE/II/D/9): WE

UNDERSTAND EC WOULD LIKE TO REVIEW WITH US FORMULATIONS ON MFN, TRADE RESTRICTIONS AND SUPPLEMENTARY NEGOTIATIONS (PARAS 7, 10 AND 15). WOULD APPEAR FROM USNATO 2205, PARA 22 THAT EC MAY HAVE AGREED ON NEW LANGUAGE TO COVER THESE POINTS. SEEMS TO US THAT IF ANY MORE SPECIFIC LANGUAGE IS TO BE ADVANCED TO MEET EAST'S COMPLAINT OF VAGUENESS IN PRESENT DRAFT, IT WOULD HAVE TO INCLUDE MENTION OF QUOTAS. VERSION WHICH US DEL DISCUSSED WITH KAWAN BEFORE RECESS, SLIGHTLY MODIFIED, IS ONE POSSIBILITY. IT WOULD READ AS FOLLOWS:

"CONSIDER THAT THE INTERESTED PARTIES MIGHT SUBSEQUENTLY ENTER INTO ARRANGEMENTS AIMED AT THE GRADUAL ELIMINATION OF EXISTING OBSTACLES AND LIMITATIONS TO TRADE. THESE ARRANGEMENTS MIGHT INCLUDE, IN APPROPRIATE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE APPLICATION OF MOST-FAVORED-NATION TREATMENT, INCLUDING THE REDUCTION AND EVENTUAL REMOVAL OF DISCRIMINATORY PROHIBITIONS OR QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS, ON A BASIS OF A RECIPROCITY WHICH ASSURES EQUALITY OF ADVANTAGES AND OBLIGATIONS IN COMMERCIAL RELATIONS."

B. US HAS RESERVE ON SECOND PART OF PARA 11, WHICH SHOULD BE DISCUSSED. ALSO USSR AND GREECE WANT TO INTRODUCE REFERENCE TO BILATERAL TRADE. DEPENDING ON COURSE OF NEGOTIATIONS, DEL MIGHT TRY MORE GENERAL LANGUAGE TO AVOID GIVING BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL TRADE EQUAL STANDING, SUCH AS "MORE OPEN AND UNRESTRICTED WORLD TRADING SYSTEM."

C. NORWAY AND CANADA HAVE RESERVED ON BELGIUM-PROPOSED CLAUSE ON CONTINUITY OF SUPPLY. WILL EC MODIFY ITS LANGUAGE? (REF: STATE 79310)

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D. RESOLUTION ON BUSINESS INFORMATION (CSCE/II/D/10): DURING FINAL MEETING BEFORE RECESS, DIFFERENCES WITH EAST WERE NARROWED TO ABOUT FOUR POINTS IN PARA 7 WHICH DETAILED TYPES OF INFO THAT SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE. AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS IS NEEDED ON HOW THESE MIGHT BE RESOLVED.

E. RESOLUTION ON BUSINESS CONTACTS (CSCE/II/D/11):

DURING FINAL MEETING, SOVIETS GAVE PRELIMINARY REACTIONS TO WESTERN DRAFT RESOLUTION WHICH GAVE REASON TO HOPE SOME PROGRESS COULD BE MADE. WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE EC IDEAS ON TACTICS AND TIMING OF NEGOTIATIONS OVER THIS RESOLUTION.

F. ARBITRATION (CSCE/II/D/12): AS DEL HAS REPORTED,

INFORMAL SOVIET REACTION WAS NEGATIVE (GENEVA 1954). WE HOPE TO BE IN POSITION SOON TO ADVISE OTHER NATO COUNTRIES OF OUR PLANS FOR HANDLING THIS ISSUE.

4. INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION (CSCE/II/E/11) AND PROJECTS OF COMMON INTEREST (CSCE/II/E/12): EAST HAS BEEN UNRESPONSIVE ON MAIN OPERATIVE CLAUSES OF RESOLUTION ON INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION (SECTIONS 2(B), 2(C) AND 2(D) BUT IS REPORTED TO TAKE MORE POSITIVE ATTITUDE TOWARD DRAFT RESOLUTION ON PROJECTS OF COMMON INTEREST WHICH HAS NOT YET BEEN DISCUSSED IN SUBCOMMITTEE. WE COULD ASK FOR A REVIEW OF WESTERN OBJECTIVES AND FUTURE TACTICS IN LIGHT OF THIS SITUATION.

5. PREAMBLE: ISSUES HAMPERING PROGRESS ON THIS RESOLUTION INCLUDE RECIPROCITY CLAUSE, DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND MEDITERRANEAN AREA. ALTHOUGH EC MAY NOT WANT TO DISCUSS DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ISSUE FRANKLY IN OPEN NATO CAUCUS, WE SHOULD ASCERTAIN THEIR PLANS ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF AMENDMENT THEY WILL PROPOSE (PARA 21 OF USNATO 2205).

6. WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED BONN 6537 AND MAY HAVE FURTHER COMMENTS BEFORE MAY FIRST CAUCUS. KISSINGER

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